

CONSERVATION PLANNER CERTIFICATION

Planner: _____ **Title:** _____

Location: _____

Land Uses Certified for Planning (Date Certified / Initials of Approving Official):

<input type="checkbox"/> Irrigated Crop	(_____ / _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pasture/Hay	(_____ / _____)
<input type="checkbox"/> Nonirrigated Crop	(_____ / _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest	(_____ / _____)
<input type="checkbox"/> Range	(_____ / _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban	(_____ / _____)
<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife	(_____ / _____)		

The person named above has met the minimum criteria for designation as a Certified Conservation Planner in Colorado for the land use(s) designated above.

Recommended by: _____ **Date:** _____
(Name, Title)

Approved by: _____, SRC **Date:** _____
(Name)

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Minimum Requirements for Designation as a Certified Conservation Planner in Colorado

1. Completion of all modules of the NRCS Conservation Planning Course, or equivalent, as determined by the State Conservationist (STC) in consultation with the NEDC.
 - a. Modules 1-5 (Part 1, Web-based) completed with a minimum test score of 80. (No waivers will be given.)
 - b. Modules 6-8 (Part 2) completed with a minimum test score or 80 -- unless STC has issued a written waiver.
2. Completion of the NRCS "Introduction to Water Quality Course" (unless previous experience or equivalent training can substitute for it).
3. Candidates must possess and demonstrate the following knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs):
 - a. Awareness of the National Conservation Program (i.e., conservation programs administered or assisted by NRCS)Required KSA Level: 2
 - b. Skill in applying the NRCS Conservation Planning Process..... Required KSA Level: 4
 - c. Knowledge of Colorado NRCS FOTG standards and specifications and ability to plan and implement conservation practices identified as important within Colorado and the local work area. Refer to "PPAA Section II" and "CO-ENG-9, Colorado Engineering Job Approval Authority" for documentation.
 - d. Skill in applying current approved erosion prediction technology for common site conditions within the work areaRequired KSA Level: 4
 - e. Skill in using applicable site vulnerability assessment tools (e.g., Colorado Phosphorus Index) and any other locally important tools for common site conditions within work areaRequired KSA Level: 4
 - f. Knowledge of Federal, state, tribal, and local laws and regulations, including the National Environmental Policy Act, Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, Executive Orders, etc., that may affect work in local areaRequired KSA Level: 4
4. A minimum of one (1) conservation plan is field reviewed with client present and determined to be satisfactory. (Refer to Conservation Plan Review Worksheet, CO409.20 Exhibit C.) A plan must address at least one Conservation Management Unit focused on one of the land uses shown above. Planning must be performed at the RMS level. If the client is not ready to commit to RMS level management, alternatives developed in accordance with RMS level planning must be incorporated in the conservation plan and presented to client.

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